

REMARKS

Claims 2-28 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 29-37 directed to methods using the methyl ester of methionine have been added. Support for new claims 29-37 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 7, line 11 and Example 2. Additionally, support for new claims 29 and 30 appears in original claims 1 and 2, respectively. Support for claims 31-33 appears in original claims 13-15, and support for new claims 34-37 appears in original claims 24 and 26-28.

An early and favorable Office Action is requested.

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